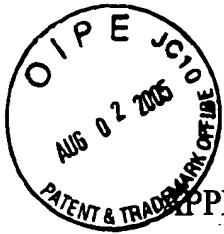


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AMENDMENT Under 37 C.F.R. §116

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2005 in which the Examiner rejects claims 3-4 for allegedly being indefinite, also claims 1-3 and 5-9 as being unpatentable over the prior art. He indicates that claim 4 would become allowable upon having been rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim(s).

The Examiner's indication of the allowability of claim 4 has been duly noted. However, applicants respectfully submit that rewriting claim 4 in independent form is not necessary as it depends, indirectly, on a claim, claim 1 which is earnestly believed to be allowable.